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I WAS REALLY ANGRY

BUT I COULDN'T TAKE MY ANGER OUT ON HER

I DIDN'T WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT SHE SURELY DID IT BECAUSE I AM NOT SKILLED ENOUGH

SHE MUST HAVE MADE THE BEST DECISION AS A LEADER

THE ONLY WAY TO RECOVER MY RUMPLED PRIDE WAS TO BECOME MORE SKILLED

IF I BECOME AS GOOD AS JIK-NYU OR AT LEAST TO BE SKILLED ENOUGH TO GET CREDIT FROM HER,

I WILL BE ABLE TO SMILE AND TALK ABOUT TODAY WITH HER

BUT, MY BIG MISTAKE WAS TO FOLLOW JIK-NYU WITH MY SKILL.

SHE GAVE ME THE FEELING OF HELPLESSNESS WHEN I SAW HER AS A RIVAL, NOT AS A PERSON WHO I HAD ADMIRED FROM FAR AWAY

I TRIED TEN TIMES HARDER THAN ANYBODY TO CROSS HER WALLS

BECAUSE OF THAT I NOW HAVE SKILLS THAT EVERYONE GIVES ME CREDIT FOR.

BUT I WAS STILL INSIDE HER HAND. UNABLE TO ESCAPE

I RAN AGAINST HER, FEELING ENDLESS DEFEAT AND DESPAIR FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS

I GREW TIRED...

AND I STOPPED TRYING

Gyun-Woo & Jik Nyu

Your Own Thoughts

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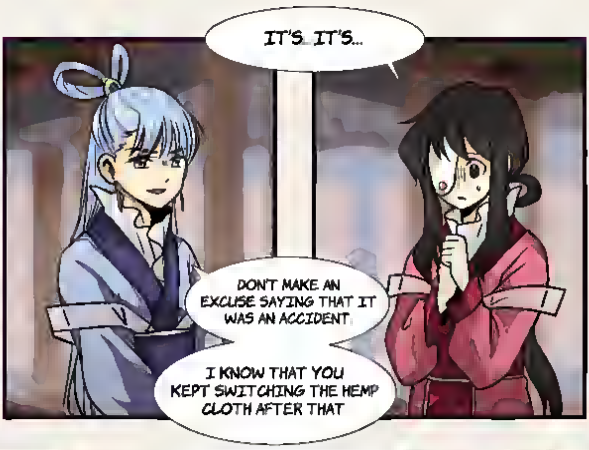
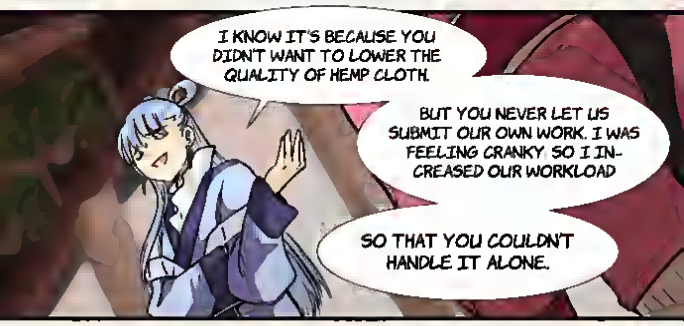
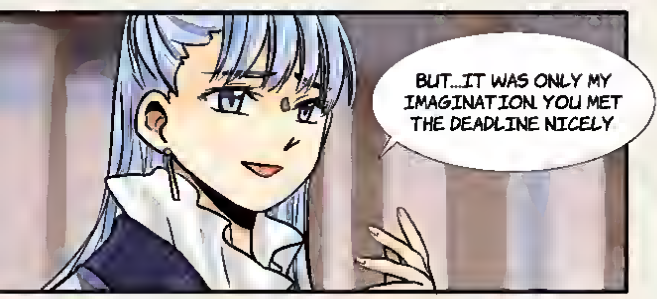
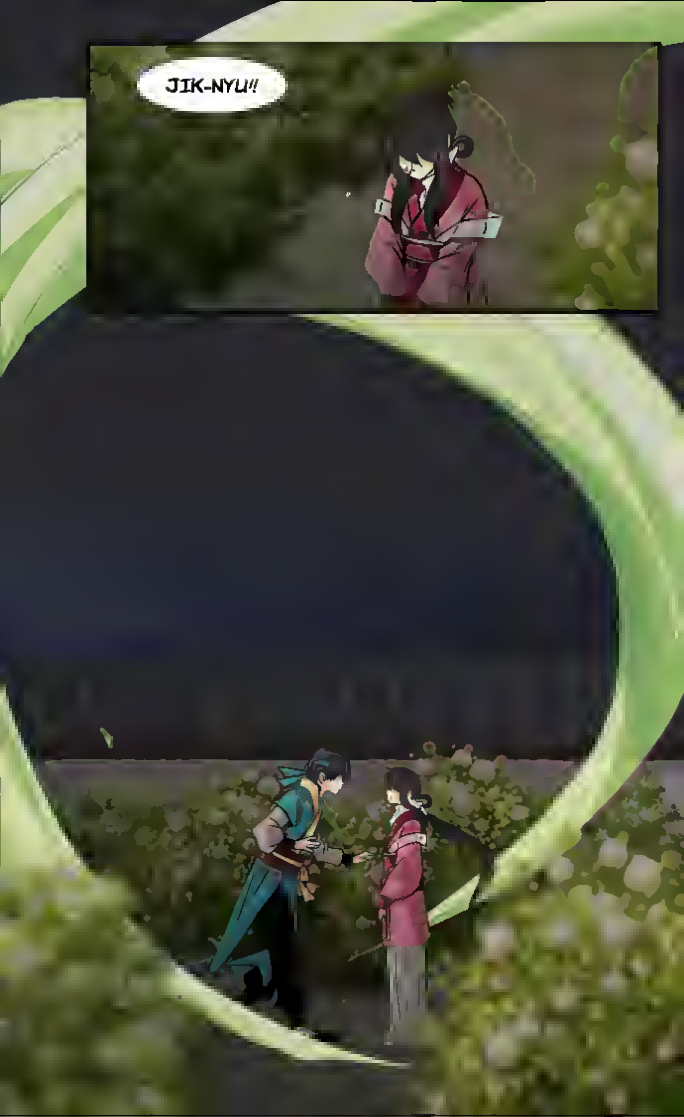
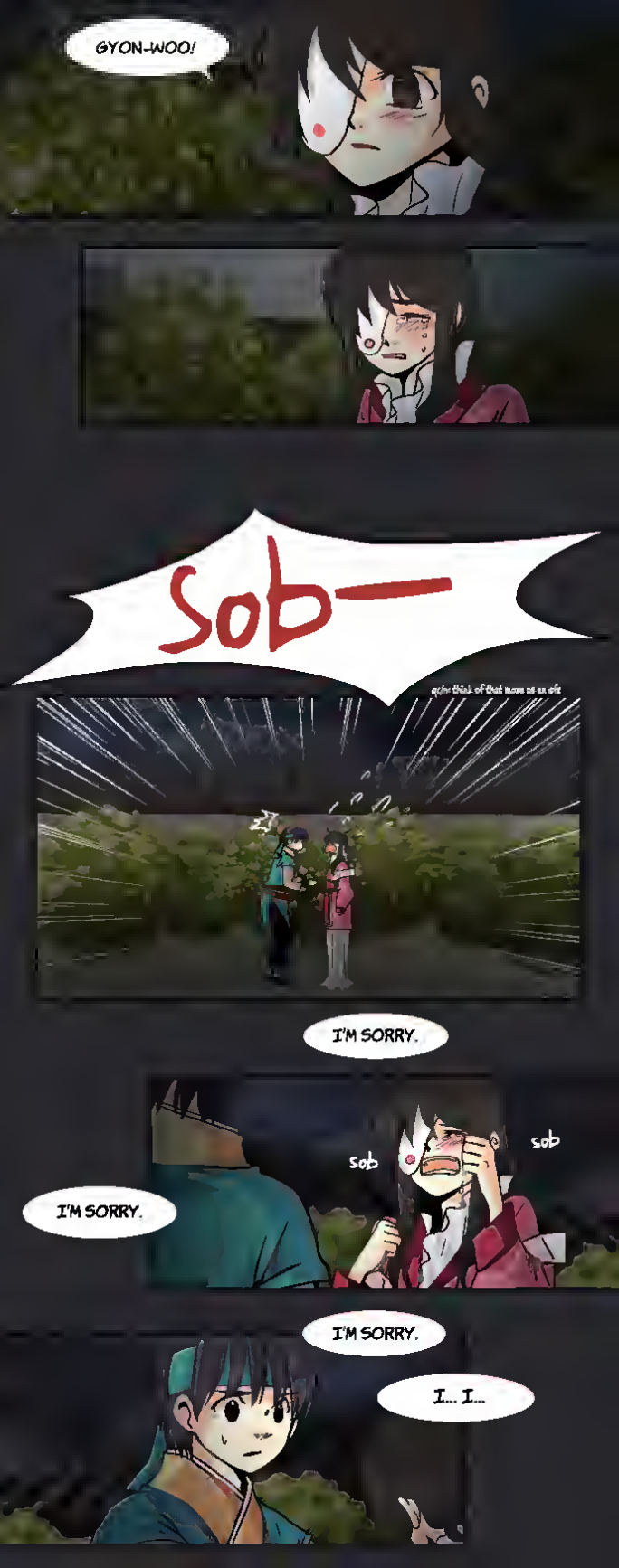



I KNOW IT'S BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T WANT TO LOWER THE QUALITY OF HEMP CLOTH.
BUT YOU NEVER LET US SUBMIT OUR OWN WORK. I WAS FEELING CRANKY SO I INCREASED OUR WORKLOAD
SO THAT YOU COULDN'T HANDLE IT ALONE.



YOU DON'T TRUST ANYONE EXCEPT FOR YOURSELF.
WE WERE ONLY TOOLS TO MEET THE NUMBER OF REQUIRED TEAM MEMBERS...
IT BECAME NATURAL TO US.
AND YOU RAISE OBJECTION NOW?


JIK-NYU!!


GYON-WOO!
Sob—
I'M SORRY.
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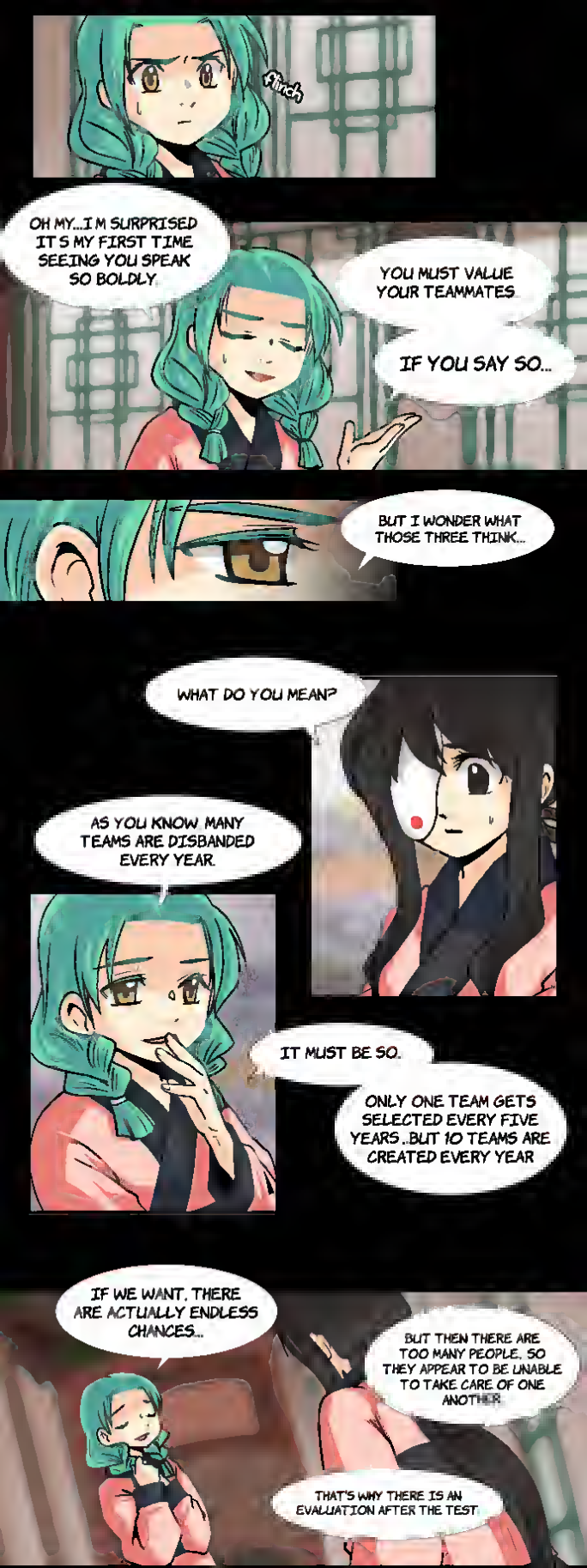
I... I...

I BETRAYED EVERYBODY BECAUSE OF MY GREED
MEETING THOSE THREE WAS LIKE MEETING A RAY OF LIGHT AFTER A LONG AND LONELY TUNNEL
THAT LIGHT POURED INTO MY HEART AND BECAME SOMETHING THAT I COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT
I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT GOING BACK TO BEFORE...
OH JIK-NYU. IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
I HEARD THAT YOU HAVE A TEAM NOW. CONGRATULATIONS
THANK...YOU...

BUT REALLY...WHEN I LOOK AT THE LEVEL OF YOUR TEAMMATES..
I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD CONGRATULATE YOU OR NOT.
YES?
ISN'T THAT SO?
YOU ARE TEAMMATES WITH SOME LOWLY BEGINNERS WHO ARE WEAVING HEMP CLOTHES THAT MIGHT NOT EVEN MAKE IT..
IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT SOMEONE AS HIGHLY SKILLED AS YOU MUST FEEL CONFLICTED WHEN YOU SEE SUCH LOW LEVEL HEMP CLOTHES
EVERYBODY IS DOING THEIR BEST.
OH MY! IT IS REASONABLE THAT THEY ARE DOING THEIR BEST.
OF COURSE. EFFORT IS NOT EVERYTHING
THEN YOU MUST KNOW THAT ABILITY IS NOT EVERYTHING.
MY TEAMMATES BRING STRENGTH TO ME. SO PLEASE DON'T BE RUDE.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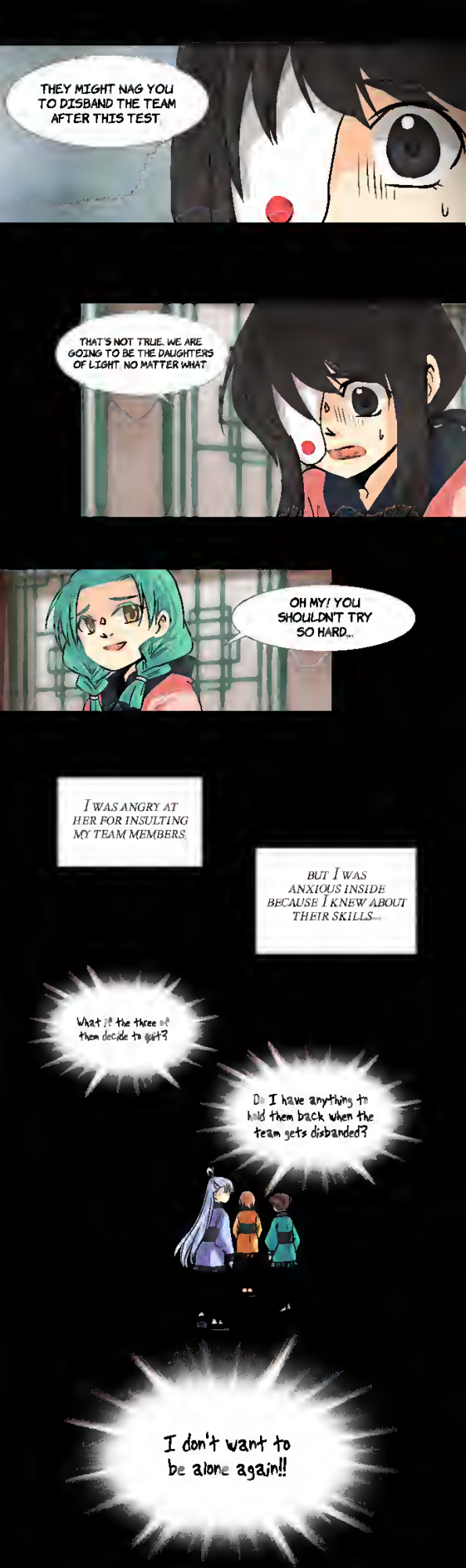
OH MY...I'M SURPRISED IT'S MY FIRST TIME SEEING YOU SPEAK SO BOLDLY.
YOU MUST VALUE YOUR TEAMMATES.
IF YOU SAY SO...
BUT I WONDER WHAT THOSE THREE THINK...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
AS YOU KNOW, MANY TEAMS ARE DISBANDED EVERY YEAR.
IT MUST BE SO.
ONLY ONE TEAM GETS SELECTED EVERY FIVE YEARS..BUT 10 TEAMS ARE CREATED EVERY YEAR
IF WE WANT, THERE ARE ACTUALLY ENDLESS CHANCES...
BUT THEN THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE, SO THEY APPEAR TO BE UNABLE TO TAKE CARE OF ONE ANOTHER.
THAT'S WHY THERE IS AN EVALUATION AFTER THE TEST.

YOU PROBABLY KNOW..BUT IF YOU EXPERIENCE IT, YOU WILL BE DISTRESSED
THE PRESSURE FROM THE EVALUATION TEAM IS NOT EASY TO PUT UP WITH FOR A NORMAL PERSON.
THEY COMPARE YOUR WORK TO THOSE OF OTHERS AND SHAME YOU SO EVEN IF YOU ARE SKILLED THEN YOU REALIZE MORE AND MORE THAT YOU SHOULD QUIT
THE EVALUATION TEAM IS TOUGH, BUT THEY'RE NEVER WRONG
THEY SOOTH AND COAX TEAMS OR ALIENATE TEAM MATES. THE AIM OF THE EVALUATION TEAM IS TO MAKE PEOPLE QUIT
IT IS A NORMAL OCCURENCE FOR TEAM MEMBERS TO CRY, RUN AWAY AND NEVER COME BACK
IF YOU REFUTE THEM ..YOU GET MORE SHAMED FOR IT.
I CRIED A LOT BECAUSE OF THEM.
IF THE TEAM IS DISBANDED, THEN YOU CAN'T JUST FORM ANOTHER TEAM. SO I KNEW THAT I'D NEVER CHALLENGE THEM AGAIN AS A DAUGHTER OF THE LIGHT.
MORE THAN HALF OF THE TEAMS ARE DISBANDED AFTER TAKING THE TEST TWICE.
WHEN THEY TAKE THE TEST FOR THE FIFTH TIME, THERE ARE ONLY ONE OR TWO TEAMS THAT ARE MADE INTO AN OFFICIAL TEAM.
THOSE THAT ARE LEFT ALL HAVE EITHER THE APPROPRIATE SKILLS OR STRONG MENTAL SKILLS
HOW LONG WILL THOSE NEWBIES WHO HAVE HARDLY BEEN TRAINED AND HAVE REACHED THIS PLACE BY SOMEONE ELSE'S SKILLS LAST?


THEY MIGHT NAG YOU TO DISBAND THE TEAM AFTER THIS TEST
THAT'S NOT TRUE. WE ARE GOING TO BE THE DAUGHTERS OF LIGHT NO MATTER WHAT
OH MY! YOU SHOULDN'T TRY SO HARD...
I WAS ANGRY AT HER FOR INSULTING MY TEAM MEMBERS.
BUT I WAS ANXIOUS INSIDE BECAUSE I KNEW ABOUT THEIR SKILLS...
What if the three of them decide to quit?
Do I have anything to hold them back when the team gets disbanded?
I don't want to be alone again!!

My ceaseless anxiety gave me a negative answer
I wanted something strong from that negative answer, to strengthen our ties.
I want to be a daughter of light with you together no matter what.
And... I finally had my answer.
Even if... I felt sorry for them...
I had to choose to be with everyone else...

I THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD ALWAYS BE TOGETHER IF WE BECOME DAUGHTERS OF LIGHT.
DID YOU EVER THINK THAT YOU MIGHT GET CAUGHT?
AT THAT MOMENT, ONLY WHAT SEEMED IMPORTANT TO ME LOOKED LIKE IT WAS RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY EYES.
SO. SO...
I COULDN'T SEE WHAT EVERYONE REALLY WANTED.
SO I BETRAYED THE TRUST OF THOSE THREE.
AND NOW I'VE BETRAYED YOU.
I'M SORRY.
I'M SORRY.
I'M SORRY.
PAIN
JIK-NYU.
ARE YOU REALLY SORRY?

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO ME, THEN DON'T CRY
YOU KNOW THAT I'M WEAK AGAINST TEARS
TRY SMILING.
rubs eyes
YES...I WILL SMILE. SO PLEASE DON'T HATE ME.

Do you know what? I am really simple, so I only think of one thing at a time

Right now, I'm thinking only of love.

End of 24th episode

YOUR OWN THOUGHTS

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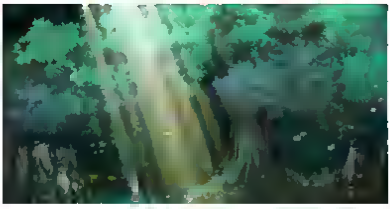
ABOUT THE BACKGROUND SETUP OF THIS STORY

1. NAME

Spirits are born from a special force emmitted from the Spirit tree.

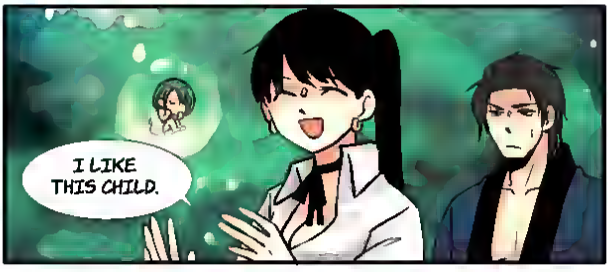


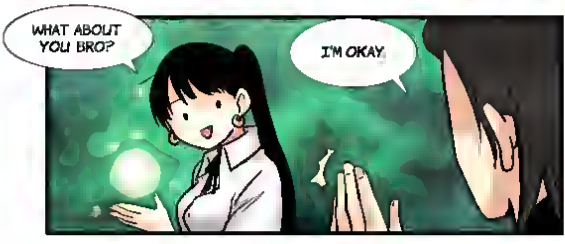
Amongst the spirits of different force, the strongest becomes the king, and they are called father or mother. And from the rest of the spirit, if they are skillful, they are called daughter or son .

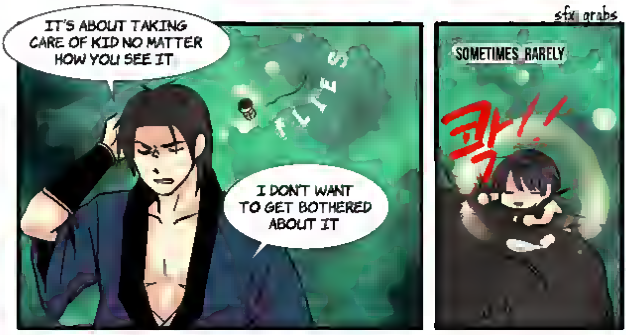
2. RELATIONSHIP

Basically the spirits are all brothers, but they can form blood brothers if they want a special kind of brotherhood.

They select a spirit at the Spirit tree as their younger sibling, and form special ties.







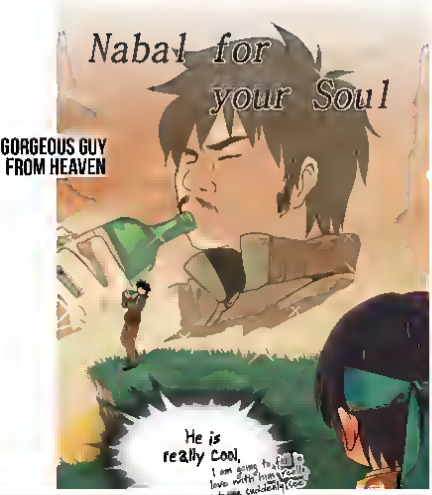
Gyun Woo has been persistent since his birth.

3. GROWING UP

The body of Spirit grows with their heart's growth, not according to their age. It is possible to stop themselves from growing up by utilizing the force of the Spirit.

WOULDN'T IT BE REALLY AWKWARD IF MY FACE LOOKED LIKE AN OLD WOMAN AND I WORE A SCHOOL UNIFORM AT THE SAME TIME?
I am wearing a school uniform because I want to say that I am always learning things. I am not a school uniform otaku.

A middle-aged face is very popular with Spirits, so they rarely stop themselves from aging.


Nabal for your Soul
GORGEOUS GUY FROM HEAVEN
He is really cool,
I am going to fall in love with him. Really, really fascinating too.

WHETHER YOU BELIEVE IT OR NOT...

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